Campaign for Electoral Transparency: Addressing Concerns and Advocating for Fairness in the 2024 Lok Sabha Elections- RajaRao Pagidipalli

As our nation gears up for the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections in 2024, RajaRao Pagidipalli, Founder and President of Telangana Kalaparishath - initiated a campaign aimed at voicing the concerns of the public regarding the reliability and transparency of EVMs. The focus of the campaign is to address concerns about the reliability and transparency of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), a topic that has been a source of apprehension for major political parties in India.

RajaRao Pagidipalli initiated the campaign by sending letters to various significant political parties across the country. Additionally, he filed numerous Right to Information (RTI) applications with key government offices, including the Prime Minister's Office, President's Secretariat, Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, and Home Ministry. In response, these offices forwarded the concerns raised in the campaign to the Election Commission of India, underlining the importance with which the issues are being treated.

The central concern being addressed is the perceived lack of trustworthiness of EVMs. Over the years, major political parties in India have consistently raised doubts about the reliability of these electronic voting systems. The importance of promptly addressing these concerns is emphasized, as public perception of the electoral process is significantly influenced by issues related to EVMs.

The public harbors genuine worries about potential hacking or manipulation of electronic voting systems. To dispel these doubts and enhance the credibility of the electoral system, there is a call for a thorough examination. A notable portion of the public advocates for a return to the paper ballot system, viewing it as a tangible and transparent solution that would alleviate concerns related to technological interference.

The shift to paper ballots is seen as providing a simpler and easily verifiable counting process. Paper ballots are perceived to offer a visible and secure record of each cast vote, reducing the risk of manipulation and instilling confidence among citizens in the fairness of the electoral process. The campaign, led by RajaRao Pagidipalli, actively planning to engage with various political parties to address public concerns related to EVM issues.

As part of this campaign, Pagidipalli has requested an appointment with the Chief Electoral Officer of India to discuss and present these concerns. The overall objective is to raise awareness about Electronic Voting Machines by giving representations, sending letters to major political parties, and holding meetings. Through these efforts, the campaign aims to foster a better understanding of the concerns surrounding EVMs and promote transparency and confidence in the electoral process among the Indian public.

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Right to Information

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

South Block
New Delhi - 110011

No. RTI/9173/2023-PMR

Dated: 01-01 -2024

To

The CPIO
Election Commission of India
Nirvachan Sadan, New Delhi

Subject: Application under Right to Information Act, 2005

An application dated 24.12.2023 **(online no. 04470) (copy enclosed)** received from Shri RajaRao Pagidipalli on the above noted subject is transferred under section 6(3) (ii) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, for action as appropriate.

(Parvesh Kumar)
Under Secretary & CPIO
☏ : 2338 2590
E.mail: rti-pmo.applications@gov.in

Copy through RTI Online Portal:

Ms. RajaRao Pagidipalli,
7-6-46, Bonakal X-Road,
Behind MEdPlus, Pakabanda Bazar,
Khammam, Khammam, Ts- 507001.

You are advised to approach the above public authority for further information regarding the matter.

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E office F. No.RTI/1/2021-RTIG
Government of India
Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

92, Samvidhan Sadan,
New Delhi.
Dated:- 26.12.2023

To,

The Election Commission of India,
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road,
New Delhi 110001.

Subject:- Transfer of online RTI Application (MOPAF/R/E/23/00430 , dated 26.12.2023) of Shri RajaRao Pagidipalli.

Sir/Madam,

I am transferring online RTI Application (MOPAF/R/E/23/00430 , dated 26.12.2023) of Shri RajaRao Pagidipalli (copy enclosed) to the Election Commission of India under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 for providing information to the applicant directly as the subject matter of the application is related to Election Commission of India.

RTI fee of Rs. 10/- has been received on RTI Portal through Payment Gateway while filing the online application by the applicant.

Yours faithfully,

(Sharad Dwivedi)
Under Secretary & CPIO
Tel. No. 011-23034763

Enter Registration Number	CABST/R/E/23/00973
Name	RajaRao Pagidipalli
Received Date	26/12/2023
Public Authority	Cabinet Secretariat
Status	REQUEST TRANSFERRED TO OTHER PUBLIC AUTHORITY
Date of action	27/12/2023

Details of Public Autority :- Legislative Department.

vide registration number :- LEGIS/R/T/23/00509 respectively.

Note:- Further details will be available on viewing the status of the above-mentioned new request registration number.

View Status of LEGIS/R/T/23/00509

No. A-43020/01/2023-RTI-I
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya

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Dated the 28th December, 2023

R. K. Mecolt Singh
DS (Co-ord) & CAPIO

Shri Tapas Kumar,
Principal Secretary & Nodal Officer,
Election Commission of India,
Room No. – 113, Nirvachan Sadan,
Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110 001

Subject: Transfer of application of S... the Right to Infor... RSECT/R/E/23/00394).

Sir,

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Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya
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North Block, New Delhi-1
Dated the 27th December, 2023

To

The Nodal CPIO,
Election Commission of India,
Nirvachan Sadan,
New Delhi.

Subject :- Application of Shri Raja Rao Pagidipalli under the Right to Information Act, 2005 ... transfer thereof.

Sir/Madam,

This Ministry has received an on line application No. MHOME/R/E/23/05424 dat... .../12/2023 under the RTI Act, 2005.

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Reply :- Application has been physically transferred to the Election Commission of India.	
CPIO Details :-	Prakash Chand Meena Phone: 011-23388007 prakash[dot]meena[at]nic[dot]in
First Appellate Authority Details :-	Udaya Kumara Phone: 011-23384404 aa-rti-legis[at]nic[dot]in

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PARLIAMENT HOUSE
NEW DELHI-110001

No.1(1714)IC/23 **Dated: 28.12.2023**

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Transfer of application under the RTI Act, 2005

The undersigned is directed to transfer under section 6(3) the RTI Act, 2005 an application dated 26.12.2023 of Shri RajaRao Pagidipalli, as the subject matter of the application pertain to the Election Commission of India, New Delhi.

2. A copy of this OM is being endorsed to the applicant for information.

(K.SONA)
Deputy Secretary &CAPIO
Tel: 23034441

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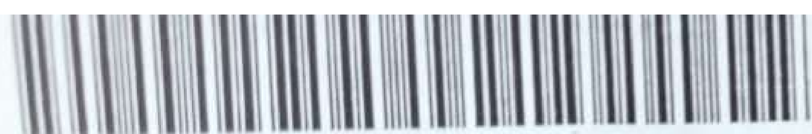


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Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi-110004.

05 January- 2024

To

Shri RajaRao Pagidipalli
7-6-46, Bonakal X-Road, Behind MedPlus
Pakabanda Bazar, Khammam, Khammam,Ts
Telangana - 507001,

Sub:-Supply of the Information under RTI Act, 2005.

Sir,

1. Reference your online RTI application No. PRSEC/R/E/23/01320 dated 26.12.2023.

"The information sought is not related with this Secretariat. You are requested to approach concerned public authority directly in accordance with Honorable CIC order No. CIC/PRSEC/A/2019/657105 dated 07.04.2021."

2. If you are not satisfied or aggrieved with the aforementioned reply to your RTI application, you may prefer an appeal to the Appellate Authority of this Secretariat under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 within 30 days of the receipt of this letter at the following address: **Ms. Vidisha Maitra, OSD & Appellate Authority**, President's Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi-110004. Email id: faa@rb.nic.in Ph. 011-23792199.

Yours faithfully

(Rubina Chauhan)
Deputy Secretary & CPIO
Ph. 011-23015321
so.rti@rb.nic.in

Parliament House/Annexe,
Delhi-110001.

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SECRETARIAT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF INDIA
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NEW DELHI – 110011 (INDIA)

No.VPSEC/R/E/23/00214 02nd January, 2024

Shri RajaRao Pagidipalli

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नई दिल्ली – 110011 (भारत)
NEW DELHI – 110011 (INDIA)

No.VPSEC/R/E/23/00214 02nd January, 2024

Shri RajaRao Pagidipalli
7-6-46, Bonakal X-Road,
Behind Medplus Pakabanda Bazar,
Khammam, Khammam, Ts,
Telangana-507001

Subject: Information under Right to Information Act, 2005.

Sir,

Please refer to your E-RTI application No.VPSEC/R/E/23/00214 dated 26th December, 2023 requesting for information on EVMs transparency and paper ballot voting system.

2. In this regard, it is to inform that the information sought through your RTI application does not pertain to this Secretariat and accordingly, the information may be treated as 'NIL'.

3. The applicant may kindly note that as per Hon'ble CIC's Order No. CIC/SA/A/2016/001483 dated 01.08.2016, there is no obligation to transfer RTI applications received by this Secretariat from educated persons on issues unrelated to this office.

Yours faithfully,

(Rajesh Kumar Sharma)
CPIO/Deputy Secretary
Ph:011-23018684
Email: rticpiovpsec@nic.in

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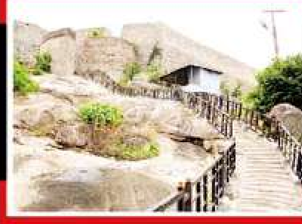
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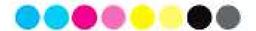
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